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SUBJECT: ETHIOPAN-SOMALI RELATIONS

1. FRANK AND EXCELLENT EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCE HAS GIVEN
AMB FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON EPMG-GSDR RELATIONS:

A. DURING PAST YEAR FOUR SECRET MISSIONS WERE SENT FROM
SOMALIA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH EPMG ON VARIOUS CONCILIATION
PROPOSALS. RECENTLY DURING OAU SUMMIT, PRES SIAD PROPOSED
TO PMAC CHAIRMAN TEFERI BANTE A FORM OF "CONFEDERATION"
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES THAT WOULD ENCOMPASS BOTH OGADEN
AND TFAI PROBLEMS. THIS INITIATIVE HAD BEEN FORESHADOWED
IN EARLIER SOMALI PROPOSALS DURING ABOVE FOUR VISITS IN
1975. (OTHER SOURCES CLAIM THAT SIAD PROPOSED EXPLORATION
OF ETHIOPIAN SUGGESTION FOR EAST AFRICAN CONFEDERATION;
PROVIDED OGADEN QUESTION CAN BE SETTLED FIRST TO
MOGADISCIO'S SATISFACTION.)

B. EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS HAVE STRONGLY COUNSELED CAUTION
IN SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH EPMG. EGYPT HAS OUTLINED

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TO EPMG HISTORY OF SOVIET ATTEMPTS AT CONTROL IN EGYPT,
AND HAS WARNED THAT SIAD'S PROPOSAL IS OPENING WEDGE OF

SIMILAR SOVIET EFFORTS IN ETHIOPIA. EPMG, ALWAYS VIEWING
ANY SOMALI STATEMENT WITH SHARP SUSPICION, WILL NOT RPT NOT
REPLY POSITIVELY OR BE TAKEN IN, BUT WILL TRY TO KEEP
DIALOGUE GOING WITHOUT MAKING COMMITMENT.

2. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED THAT SPECIAL EMERGENCY
MEETINGS OF DIRG IN PAST TWO DAYS, WHICH WE HAVE BOTH HEARD
ABOUT, ARE DISCUSSING THE PROBLEM POSED BY SIAD'S PROPOSAL.
EMBASSY BELIEVES TIMING OF THIS INITIATIVE IS STRANGE, COMING AS
IT DOES WHEN GALLA TRIBESMEN IN SOUTH ARE CREATING NEW AND SERIOUS
SECURITY PROBLEM FOR ALREADY-OVERSTRETCHED EPMG FORCES, HAVING
BEEN SUPPLIED AND ARMED AND SENT IN TO ETHIOPIA BY SOMALIA
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